Service At WOTTON UNITED CHURCH, Bradley Street, GL12 7AR

Sunday 32 Octember - 10.15 AM

Dear Friend

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Wotton United Church to lead this service. I will be the steward on that day and if there is anything you need, please get in touch.

The last two pages of this letter contain a note giving you the information that we think you will find helpful in preparing for the service, including information as to how we use our Audio Visual system and the information we will need from you in advance. There is also some information on our website http://www.wottonunitedchurch.org.uk/preach/index.htm.

If you would like the Worship Leaders to take part in the service, please get in touch with me. Members of the congregation are happy to read the lessons.

Directions to the church are on the Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit website. There is limited roadside parking opposite the church. The small layby is used by those of us who transport elderly members and we would appreciate it if it were left free. If there are no spaces opposite the church there is a free public car park a few minutes' walk away. If you are facing up Bradley Street with the church on your right, continue up the road, curving round to the right. Turn right at the T junction and the car park is on your right some way down, just before the next turn to the right. If you are facing down Bradley Street with the church on your left, continue to the bottom, turn left at the main road, left again after the garage and the car park is immediately on your left. When you have parked your car, head for the Civic Centre at the far end from the entrance; there is a footpath to its right which leads into Bradley Street; turn right and the church is a hundred yards or so on your right.

Please phone me if anything is not clear or if there is anything else I can do to help you. I will be in touch with you by Wednesday 24 September for your Order of Service.

Yours in Christ

Sunday Steward

Morning Service At United Church, Wotton Under Edge

Recording

It is our practice to record the service for the benefit of our housebound members. If this is a problem to you, please get in touch with me.

Start of the service

A small group meets for prayer at 9:30. Just before 10.15, the assistant steward will ring the bell, and lead us into the church and put the candle used by the prayer group on the communion table. You and I will follow and you are invited to sit on a chair between the lectern and the communion table. I will welcome you, announce a chorus, then after a time of silence lead the congregation in a responsive sentence, and hand the service over to you. I will give any notices at a later point in the service – usually at the offering.

You may wish to choose the opening chorus, or you may prefer me to choose it.

Junior Church

At present we do not have children attending regularly, but should families arrive unexpectedly then we usually have someone who can run a session for them.

Audio Visual system

We will put the service onto a computer running a PowerPoint[©] presentation, displaying on TV style screens. The presentation will include hymns (we have a CCL Licence), any responsive prayers or psalms you may wish to use, the Lord's Prayer and the grace if you are using them. We have a set of images for different parts of the service, but if there is any particular image you wish to use, we can incorporate that also, provided it is not copyright. In order for us to set up the computer, we would be grateful if you would let us have a full order of service by the Wednesday evening before the service. As well as the normal hymns, readings, prayers and offering, we need to know:

- Where you will be using the Lord's Prayer, if at all, and whether you prefer a particular version
- Whether the congregation will join in the grace or another benediction at the close of the service
- Whether you intend to ask the congregation to join in a psalm
- Whether there will be any responsive prayers or any for the congregation to say together
- Whether you are planning to omit any verses of hymns
- Whether there is any particular image you would like to use

If you prefer to bring your own PowerPoint, there is a template on the website which you are free to use and some notes on recommended style; but please get in touch with Alan Jackson (<u>alan.jackson1946@btinternet.com</u>; 01453 843072) who will be happy to discuss technical requirements with you.

It is important to notice that a presentation that works in a church with a projector and a standard shaped screen will almost certainly not work on our system.

In any case, there is a sound system with loop system, tape and CD/DVD players, with both a fixed and a roving microphone for you to use.

Worship Leaders

We have five trained and approved Worship Leaders who are prepared to assist in services by leading opening worship or prayers. They would like at least one week's notice of sketches or drama. We sometimes record the service for those unable to attend.

Hymn Books

We have Singing the Faith, Hymns and Psalms, Mission Praise Combined (numbers 1-798 only) and our own compilation United in Worship; a list of the hymns and songs in the last of these is attached to this note. A number of the congregation can read music, and we are not afraid of trying new hymns. We can, of course, display the words of any hymn you wish to use, but if it is not in those four books, please let us know well in advance so that our organist can locate the music. We hold CCL Licence 258648.

There are NIV Bibles available for all the congregation.

UNITED IN WORSHIP

This is a collection of 95 additional hymns, songs and choruses which we produced for our own needs a few years ago. Many of these are now in Singing The Faith, of course.

Contents - Songs and Hymns

- 1 A song was heard
- 2 All I once held dear
- 3 As water to thirsty
- 4 Beauty for brokenness
- 5 Before the world began
- 6 Brother, sister let me serve you
- 7 Christ is our King
- 8 Christ is risen
- 9 Christ's is the world (Touching place)
- 10 Colours of day
- 11 Day by day and hour by hour
- 12 Don't build your house
- 13 Draw me close to the cross
- 14 Great is the darkness
- 15 Have you heard the raindrops
- 16 He came to earth
- 17 He has risen
- 18 He smiles within his cradle
- 19 Here is bread, here is wine
- 20 Here is love
- 21 How deep the father's love
- 22 How wonderful, how marvellous
- 23 I am the light (come follow me)
- 24 I got a home in gloryland
- 25 I the Lord of sea and sky
- 26 I will offer up my life
- 27 I will worship
- 28 It's me, it's me O Lord
- 29 Jesus Christ
- 30 Jesus Christ is waiting
- 31 Jesus is the name we honour
- 32 Jesus' love is very wonderful
- 33 Jesus lover of my soul
- 34 Jesus, King of kings
- 35 King of kings, majesty
- 36 Let your living water flow
- 37 Lord God almighty
- 38 Lord I come to you (the power of your love)

39 Lord I lift Your name on high 40 Lord when we praise you 41 Here is bread, here is wine 42 Here is love 43 How deep the father's love 44 How wonderful, how marvellous 45 My Jesus, my Saviour 46 My lips shall praise You 47 My Lord is higher 48 No longer mine (Covenant) 49 O Christ the same 50 O God of burning 51 O God you search me 52 O righteous God 53 O sing a song of Bethlehem 54 Oh Christ the King of glory 55 One bread, one body 56 Only by grace 57 Overwhelmed by love 58 Ring a bell for peace 59 Send us the rain 60 Shout for joy and sing 61 Spread your wings 62 Teach me to dance 63 The angels Lord, they sing 64 The Lord's my shepherd 65 The love of God comes close 66 To your altar we bring 67 We are marching in the light of God 68 We are your people $69 \frac{\text{What if the One who shapes the}}{\text{stars}}$ 70 What kind of greatness 71 Will you come and follow me 72 With undivided heart 73 You are my strength

Short Songs and Chants

74 Bless the Lord my soul 75 Come and fill our hearts 76 Come, now is the time for worship 77 Create in me a clean heart 78 Halle, halle, halle 79 He became poor 80 Holiness 81 Holy, holy, holy 82 Holy Spirit move within me 83 If you believe and I believe 84 In the Lord be ever thankful 85 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus 86 Jesus remember me 87 Jubilate Deo 88 Litany (O Lord our God) 89 Shalom, my friends 90 Sing praise and bless the Lord 91 Spirit of faith 92 Take, O take me as I am 93 There is a longing 94 To be in Your presence 95 Within our darkest night